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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly preliminarily amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice and add the following
new claims in lieu thereof.

--24. A bio-reductive conjugate comprising a
bio-reductive moiety with at least one therapeutic agent linked
thereto and physiologically acceptable derivatives thereof
wherein the bio-reductive moiety incorporates an aromatic ring
substituted with a nitro group and the conjugate is such that
bio-reduction of the nitro group causes release of the